

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

After the foregoing amendments, claims 23 – 28 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1 – 22, 29, and 30 have been canceled without prejudice. Applicants submit that no new matter has been introduced into the application by these amendments.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner is thanked for indicating that claims 23 – 28 are allowed. (Section 4 on page 6 of the Action is a misprint, which was confirmed by the Examiner via a telephone conversation with the undersigned on February 5, 2007.)

Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephone interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application, including claims 23 – 28, is in condition for allowance, and a Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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